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EXILE'S RETURN.

'Tis a peaceful Christmas morning
In a snow-clad Irish dell,
But hearts are sad for one afar
In a lonely prison cell.
Because he loved his country
And tried to set her free,
The alien laws have doomed him
An exiled man to be.

The mother's heart is breaking;
"I've never ceased to pray
That I might see my gossamer's face
This holy Christmas day.
O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have you turned from me at last,
You, that never, never failed me
In the sorrows of the past?"

Come a shadow in the doorway,
Speaks a voice that thrills her
through;
Then she turns and cries in glad-
ness,

"Brendan, Brendan, is it you?
"Tis the Sacred Heart has sent you,
"Tis the answer to my plea.
O dear, loving Heart, forgive me,
How could I have doubted thee!"

There is joy beyond all telling
In that snow-clad Irish dell,
Praise ascends from hearts o'er-
flowing

To the Heart they love so well—
To the Heart that heals all sorrow,
Gives all gladness and all grace,
To the friend and guide and guar-
dian

Of the faithful Gaelic race.

THOUSANDS ENROLLED.

All reports to Lake Division head-
quarters in Cleveland indicate that
the Fourth Red Cross roll call,
which has been under way since
Armistice day, November 11, will be
the most successful ever conducted
in the three States of the division—
Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Mem-
bers of the Junior Red Cross, Boy
Scouts and school children through-
out Lake Division have enrolled
thousands of members in the Roll
Call. In a number of places high
school students have taken entire
direction of the Roll Call, acting im-
mediately under instruction from
the local Red Cross chapter.

LESSON FOR CATHOLICS.

By splendid organization and tire-
less work Michigan Catholics over-
whelmed the forces of bigotry in the
recent election. The story of how the
fight was won in Michigan has a les-
son for Catholics everywhere. Or-
ganization is necessary to accom-
plish anything worth while. And it
is precisely in that point that Catho-
lics are weakest in this country.
Fortunately the Catholic Welfare
Council comes on the scene at an op-
portune time to remedy this defect.
But its success will depend on hav-
ing a definite, concise programme to
present to the country. No vague
generalities will secure union and
co-operation.

FRANCE AT VATICAN.

The bill for the re-establishment
of an embassy to the Vatican was
adopted by the French Chamber 397
to 209.

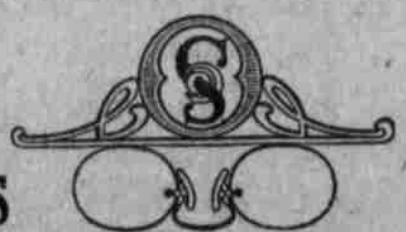
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